

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

The Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. In line with current recommended revised format, amended drawings are enclosed herewith. Furthermore, the examiner stated that the claimed limitation of the storage device need be shown in the drawings. Applicant refers to the HDD 42 in the base station 12 of Figure 7, as one example embodiment of the claimed storage device.

The Specification

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure because of the following informalities: text of paragraphs 0005 and 0006 duplicate text 0002 and 0003 of page 1.

The Applicants have cancelled paragraphs 0005 and 0006, on page 1, without prejudice, of the specification in compliance with the Office Action.

The Examiner also objected to the disclosure because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code (page 6, paragraph 0027, line 7). The Applicants have deleted the hyperlink in compliance with MPEP § 608.01. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 9, 18, and 19-28 because of the following informalities: improper period after word "network" (page 9, claim 9, line 2), incorrect word "computer" instead of "method" (page 10, claim 18, line 1), incorrect word

"subsystem" in claim 19 (page 10, line 1) because said subsystem has to belong in a larger system which is not defined, incorrect phrase "the computing display subsystem of claim...wherein said computing display subsystem" in each of dependent claims 20-28 (page 10 and 11, line 1 of claim 20 through claim 28).

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8-14, 18-22, and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,028,764 (hereinafter "Richardson").

"To anticipate a claims, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Independent claims 1, 11, and 19 of the present application include limitations not disclosed or taught by Richardson et al. As a result, claims 1, 11, and 19 are not anticipated by Richardson et al.

In particular, independent claims 1, 11, and 19 include the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of *a computing display subsystem detachably connectable to the base station, the computing display subsystem including a processor.*

Richardson et al does not disclose or suggest the claimed *detachably connectable computing display subsystem including a processor*, as is claimed by applicant. Rather, Richardson et al Patel et al only discloses a detachable display.

As shown in Figure 7 of Richardson et al., the detachable display does not include a processor. In the office action mailed on December 26, 2002, the examiner

stated that the detachable display of Richardson included a controller, which the examiner equated to applicant's claimed processor.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the examiner. First, applicant's claimed processor is clearly different from a controller. Second, the controller shown in Richardson et al. is shown to be in the base station of Richardson et al. and not shown nor suggested to be in the display of Richardson.

As a result, applicant's independent claims include limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by Richardson et al, and applicant's independent claims are therefore not anticipated by Richardson et al.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 5-6, 15-16, and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable by U.S. Patent 6,028,764 (hereinafter "Richardson").

Claims 5-6, 15-16, and 23-24 depend from one of independent claims 1, 11, and 19, and therefore include the distinguishing claim limitations of claims 1, 11, and 19, as discussed above. As a result, the remaining claims are also not anticipated by Richardson et al.

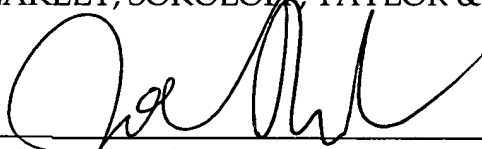
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete paragraphs 0005 and 0006, on page 1, of the specification.

Please replace paragraph 0027, on page 6, with the following rewritten paragraph.

- - When separated, the base station and computing display subsystem 14 communicate through the pair of adapters 54a and 54b. The adapters 54a and 54b may be either infrared red (IR) adapters or radio frequency (RF) adapters, which allow communication over the intervening air space. In an embodiment using radio frequency to communicate between the computing display subsystem and the base station, a variety of radio links may be utilized. For example, in one embodiment, the radio link is a Bluetooth radio link [(see www.bluetooth.com)], which is a short-range, cable replacement, radio technology. It uses the 2.4 GHz Instrumentation, Science, Medical (ISM) unlicensed band. The radio link may be set to a nominal range of 10 meters augmentable with an external power amplifier to up to 100 meters. Seventy-nine hop frequencies are utilized beginning at the lowest frequency, which is 2402 MHz, and each of the 79 hop frequencies is 1 MHz above the next lower frequency. - -

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked-up version of the amended claims is as follows:

1. (Amended) A computer comprising:
a base station[, said base station] having a storage device; and
a computing display subsystem detachably connectable to [said]the base station,
[said]the computing display subsystem including a processor and a communication

adapter [that permits said computing display subsystem] to communicate with [said]the base station when [said]the computing display subsystem is detached from [said]the base station.

2. (Amended) The computer of claim 1 wherein [said]the computing display subsystem includes a power supply separate from the base station.

3. (Amended) The computer of claim 1 wherein [said]the computing display subsystem and [said]the base station are operable to communicate using infrared signals.

4. (Amended) The computer of claim 1 wherein [said]the base station and [said]the computing display subsystem are operable to communicate using radio frequency signals.

5. The computer of claim 1 wherein the computing display subsystem includes a writeable liquid crystal display.

6. The computer of claim 5 wherein the computing display subsystem includes a storage device.

7. The computer of claim 6 wherein the computing display subsystem includes a non-volatile storage device.

8. (Amended) The computer of claim 1 wherein the communication adapter of the computing display subsystem is operable to communicate[s] with the base station via a Bluetooth protocol.

9. (Amended) The computer of claim 8 wherein said base station includes a keyboard and a connection to a network. [The computer of claim 8 wherein said base station includes a processor.]
10. (Amended) The computer of claim 4 wherein the processor of the computing display subsystem [operates]is operable at two separate power modes contingent on a power source.
11. (Amended) A method of processing data comprising:
a [A] base station [having a storage device] transmitting data to a [computing] display subsystem, the base station having a storage device; and
the [computing] display subsystem [detachably connectable to a base station,] receiving the data from the base station, the display subsystem detachably connectable to the base station, [said computing] the display subsystem including a processor and a communication adapter [that permits said computing display subsystem] to communicate with the base station when [said]the computing display subsystem is detached from [said]the base station.
12. (Amended)The method of claim 11, further including providing power to [said]the [computing] display subsystem from a power supply separate from a base station power supply.
13. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein [said]the transmitting data to [said]the [computing] display subsystem includes transmitting via infrared signals.
14. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein [said]the transmitting data to [said]the [computing] display subsystem includes transmitting via radio frequency signals.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the [computing] display subsystem includes a writeable liquid crystal display.

16. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the [computing] display subsystem includes a storage device.

17. (Amended) The method of claim 16 wherein the [computing] display subsystem includes a non-volatile storage device.

18. (Amended) The computer of claim 14 wherein [said]the transmitting data to [said]the computing [display] subsystem includes transmitting via radio frequency includes using a Bluetooth protocol.

19. (Amended) A computing display subsystem comprising:
a processor;
a communication adapter [that permits said computing display subsystem] to communicate with a base station when [said]the computing display subsystem is detached from [said]the base station; and
a detachable connection to [said]the base station.

20. (Amended) The computing display subsystem of claim 19 wherein [said]the computing display subsystem includes a power supply separate from the base station.

21. (Amended) The computing display subsystem of claim 19 wherein the communication adapter is operable to communicate with the [said computing display subsystem and said] base station [communicate] using infrared signals.

22. (Amended) The computing display subsystem of claim 19 wherein the communication adapter is operable to communicate with the [said] base station [and said computing display subsystem communicate] using radio frequency signals.

23. The computing display subsystem of claim 19 wherein the computing display subsystem includes a writeable liquid crystal display.

24. The computing display subsystem of claim 23 wherein the computing display subsystem includes a storage device.

25. The computing display subsystem of claim 24 wherein the computing display subsystem includes a non-volatile storage device.

26. (Amended) The computing display subsystem of claim 19 wherein the communication adapter of the computing display subsystem is operable to communicate[s] with the base station via a Bluetooth protocol.

29. (Amended) The computing display subsystem of claim 22 wherein [said]the base station includes a keyboard and a connection to a network.

30. (Amended)The computing display subsystem of claim 19 wherein the processor of the computing display subsystem [operates]is operable at two separate power modes contingent on a power source.

29. (New) A computer comprising:

_____ a base station, having a storage device; and

_____ a computing display subsystem detachably connectable to the base station, the computing display subsystem, a processor, a non-volatile storage device and a

communication adapter to communicate with the base station when the computing display subsystem is detached from the base station.

30. (New) A method of processing data comprising:

a base station transmitting data to a display subsystem, the base station having a storage device; and

the display subsystem receiving the data from the base station, the computing display subsystem including a processor, a non-volatile storage device and a communication adapter to communicate with the base station when the display subsystem is detached from the base station.

31. (New) A computing display subsystem comprising:

a processor;

a non-volatile storage device;

a communication adapter to communicate with a base station when the computing display subsystem is detached from the base station; and

a detachable connection to the base station.